



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Eugene T. Butchma )  
Serial No.: 09/680,303 ✓ ) Group Art Unit: 3722  
Filed: October 6, 2000 ) Examiner: W. Fridie, Jr.  
For: BINDER APPARATUS )  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 4 and 5.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 as follows:

*Sub B17* 1. (Amended) A binder apparatus comprising:

a first cover portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge, and a second side edge;

a first spine portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge and a second side edge, said first side edge being hingeably connected to a side edge of said first cover portion,

a second cover portion having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge, and a second side edge, the first side edge of said second cover portion being hingeably connected to the second edge of said first spine portion,